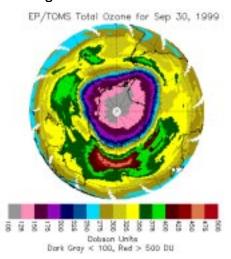


Ozone Mapping and Profiler Suite (OMPS)

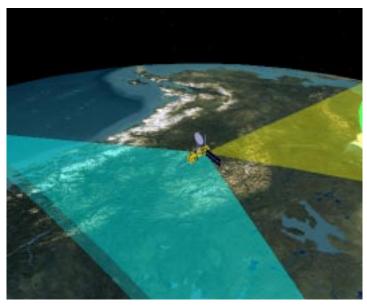


The Ozone Mapping and Profiler Suite (OMPS) monitors ozone from space. OMPS is the first suite selected to fly on the National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS) spacecraft - the next generation of polar-orbiting environmental satellites. NPOESS replaces the two current programs -- the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellites (POES) and the Department of Defense's Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP).

OMPS will collect total column and vertical profile ozone data and continue the daily global data produced by the current ozone monitoring systems, the Solar Backscatter Ultraviolet radiometer (SBUV)/2 and Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS), but with higher fidelity. The collection of this data contributes to fulfilling the U.S. treaty obligation to monitor the ozone depletion for the Montreal Protocol to ensure no gaps on ozone coverage.



The Ozone Hole over the South Pole as measured



OMPS aboard the NPOESS satellite measuring columnar Ozone and vertical distribution of Ozone

NPOESS Mission Characteristics

Orbit

Sun-synchronous orbit 833 km altitude ~ 98 degree inclination

OMPS Mission Products

Primary Total Ozone Amount

Nadir Vertical Ozone Profile Limb Vertical Ozone Profile

IR Total Ozone Calibrated Radiances

Secondary SO2 Index

Aerosols (Index and Profile)
UV-B radiance on earth's surface

NO2

Surface Albedo Cloud Top Height

In addition to providing operational ozone data products, OMPS has the potential to provide other surface and atmospheric science data, including anthropogenic trace gases.



OMPS Nadir Sensor

The OMPS is comprised two sensors -- a nadir sensor and a limb sensor.

The nadir sensor uses a wide field-of-view push-broom telescope to feed two separate spectrometers. The nadir total column spectrometer (mapper) measures the scene radiance between 300 to 380 nanometer (nm) with a resolution of 1 nm sampled at 0.42 nm and a 24-hour ground revisit time. Measurements from this spectrometer are used to generate total column ozone data with better than 50×50 kilometer (km) resolution at nadir. The nadir profile spectrometer measures between 250 and 310 nm with the same spectral sampling, in a single ground pixel of 250 x 250 km.

The limb sensor measures the along-track limb scattered solar radiance with 1 km vertical sampling in the spectral range of 290 to 1000 nm. Three vertical slits sample the limb at 250 km cross-track intervals to provide for better than 7-day ground revisit times. The three slits are imaged onto a single charge-coupled device (CCD) (identical to both nadir CCDs).

Both sensors maintain long term data product stability through periodic solar irradiance measurements.

An Interface and Control Electronics (ICE) box and a ground processing and algorithm segment process the data obtained by the sensors to generate geolocated and calibrated radiances and ozone data products. The OMPS program will create five ozone data products:

- High performance Total Column environmental data record (EDR) product
- Heritage TOMS V7 Total Column data records
- High performance Ozone Profile product
- Heritage SBUV/2 Nadir Profile data records
- IR Total Column data records from Cross-track Infrared Sounder (CrIS) radiances



OMPS Limb Sensor

OMPS Instrument Characteristics

Spectral Range

 Nadir mapper
 300 - 380 nm

 Nadir profiler
 250 - 310 nm

 Limb profiler
 290 - 1000 nm

Spectral Sampling Interval

Nadir mapper
2.4 pixels per FWHM
Nadir profiler
2.4 pixels per FWHM
Limb profiler
2.0 pixels per FWHM
(Full Width Half Maximum)

Spectral Resolution (FWHM)

Nadir mapper 1.0 nm
Nadir profiler 1.0 nm
Limb profiler 1.5-40 nm

Field-of-View (FOV)

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Nadir mapper} & 110 \times 0.3 \mbox{ deg} \\ \mbox{Nadir profiler} & 16.7 \times 0.3 \mbox{ deg} \\ \mbox{Limb profiler} & 8.5 \times 2.7 \mbox{ deg} \mbox{(3 sets)} \\ \end{array}$

Revisit time
Nadir mapper 24 hours

Limb profiler 4 days (average)

 Mass
 45 kg

 Power
 45 W

 Data rate
 40 kbps

 Size
 35 x 54 x 56 cm

Total Column EDR

Horizontal Cell Size: 50 km at nadir

Measurement Range: 50 – 650 Dobson Units (DU)

Accuracy: 15 DU or better Precision: 3 DU + 0.5% or better Long-term Stability: 1% over 7 years

Ozone Profile EDR

Vertical Coverage: Tropopause - 60 km

Vertical Cell Size: 3 km Horizontal Cell Size: 250 km

Measurement Range: 0.1 - 15 ppmv

Accuracy: 10% (15 – 60 km), 20% (trop –15 km)

Precision: 3% (15 - 50 km), 10% (trop -15 km, 50 - 60 km)

Long-term Stability: 2% over 7 years

The first launch of the NPOESS 13:30 afternoon spacecraft, planned to carry an OMPS sensor suite, is not expected before 2008. Earlier flights of opportunity are being considered for OMPS. The OMPS is designed, developed, and manufactured by Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. Raytheon ITSS and Atmospheric and Environmental Research, Inc. are developing the science algorithms.